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121. Proposed by W. J. GREENSTREET, M. A., Editor of The Mathematical Gazette, Stroud, Gloucester-shire, England.

Two equal scale pans of mass  $m$  hang at rest over a smooth pulley. An inelastic particle, mass  $M$ , is dropped from a height  $h$  into one pan, and simultaneously another of equal mass and elasticity  $e$  is dropped from the same height into the other. Prove that every impact occurs when the pans are in their original positions, and find the total space described by either pan before motion ceases.

\*<sup>\*\*</sup> Solutions of these problems should be sent to B. F. Finkel not later than June 10.

### AVERAGE AND PROBABILITY.

104. Proposed by LON C. WALKER, Assistant in Mathematics, Leland Stanford Jr. University, Palo Alto, Cal.

In a given sphere two radii are drawn at random, and a point taken in each at random. (1) Find the chance that the distance between the two points does not exceed the radius of the sphere. (2) Find the distance between them.

105. Proposed by LON C. WALKER, Assistant in Mathematics, Leland Stanford Jr. University, Palo Alto, Cal.

Find the average distance of the center of an ellipsoid, axes  $2a$ ,  $2b$ , and  $2c$ , from its surface.

106. Proposed by LON C. WALKER, Assistant in Mathematics, Leland Stanford Jr. University, Palo Alto, Cal.

Required the average distance between two points in a hemisphere.

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### MISCELLANEOUS.

105. Proposed by G. B. M. ZERR, A. M., Ph. D., Professor of Chemistry and Physics, The Temple College, Philadelphia, Pa.

If the refractive index of a medium at any point be  $\mu=x$ , prove that the path of the ray will be the curve  $\frac{2x}{a} = \frac{c}{a} ly/a + \frac{a}{c} l-(y/a)$ ,  $a$  and  $c$  being constants.

106. Proposed by J. W. YOUNG, Oliver Graduate Student in Mathematics, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Prove that  $\frac{(2m)!}{(m!)^2}$  is an integer; and more generally that  $\frac{(nm)!}{(m!)^n}$  is an integer,  $m$ ,  $n$  being any positive integers.

107. Proposed by WILLIAM HOOVER, A.M., Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

The index of refraction of a medium varying inversely as the square root of the distance, prove that the path of a ray of light in the medium is a cycloid.

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